

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 4, 8-11, 13, 17, and 18 have been amended and claims 21-24 have been canceled. Claims 1-20 remain pending in the captioned case.

Section 121 Restriction

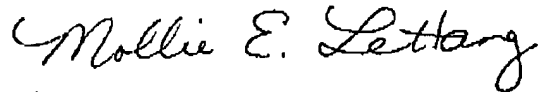
In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121, Applicants elect Group I claims 1-20 without traverse and cancel non-elected Group II claims 21-24. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application at a later date capturing the subject matter recited in the non-elected claims canceled herein. As noted above, claims 1, 3, 4, 8-11, 13, 17, and 18 have been amended. Support for the amendments may be found in the specification, for example, on page 4, lines 25-30; page 9, lines 22-25; and page 10, lines 8-12.

CONCLUSION

This response constitutes a complete response to all of the issues raised in the Office Action mailed January 20, 2006. If the Examiner has any questions, comments, or suggestions, the undersigned earnestly requests a telephone conference.

No fees are required for filing this amendment; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Daffer McDaniel LLP Deposit Account No. 50-3268/5866-00400.

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